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States Senate, in which, however, he failed of election. But, later he was chosen to the United States Senate and he died a few years later a senator of the United States.

Speaking of the matter of bicameral legislatures, the writer hereof heard the late Judge Joseph M. Beck express his opinion that the next most serious matter that should have the attention of reforming agitators was the abolition of the Senate and when it was suggested, that as the United States Senate represented a distinct interest from that which the House of Representatives stood for, that the houses might meet together and enter fully into discussions, shaping bills as might be agreed upon, but the senators and representatives vote separately, the venerable jurist was relentlessly opposed to even the federal Senate being retained.

An incident has been related of an interview between the first president and his secretary of state, when the latter asked why there should be two legislative bodies, the president said, "You have just answered your own question." "How?" said the secretary. Said the president, "To cool it off," pointing to the fact that Jefferson had just poured coffee from cup to saucer. That is about as good a reason as can be assigned for requiring action from two legislative bodies when they do not represent diverse and perhaps conflicting interests.

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We have watched those fellows who are the early risers, and as a general thing they are the chaps who go to the groceries of a morning. It is all moonshine about the smartest and greatest men being early risers. It might have been so in the old times, but nowadays when you see a chap moving about very early, you may be certain he is after a drink.—*Tri-Weekly Iowa State Journal*, Des Moines, March 3, 1858. (In the newspaper collection of the Historical Department of Iowa.)

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